MR. K. A. MATHEW: With regard to question (d) may I know why the failed E. S. L. C. candidates were appointed when there were many graduates who were serving as Head Constables and Constables?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: Suitability to the Inspectorate does not mean mere graduation. People who have got long service in the department and who understand and are able to do the work are promoted.

Promotions in the Police Department.

450 *MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a list of the promotions in the Police Department from 1-9-1119 to 31-11-1120, particularly of Inspectors with a caste-war statement?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: A * list furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Export of fish.

451 *MR. P. S. MOHAMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of permit holders who export fish from Trivandrum;

(*b*) the number of the forwarding agents who are permit holders in Trivandrum; and

(*c*) whether permit holders who carry on export in Trivandrum have got the special advantage of exporting fish to Colombo direct?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) 72

(*b*) 4

(*c*) No.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: ഈ ഏജൻറന്മാരെല്ലാം തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ കുടിയേറിപ്പാർത്തവരാണോ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Yes, Sir.

Fish trade.

452 *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of permit holders in fish trade in (*a*) South Travancore, (*b*) Trivandrum, (*c*) Quilon and (*d*) Alleppey?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) 193.

(*b*) 72.

(*c*) 49

(*d*) 16.

Production of sugar in the State.

453 *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps in 1120 to increase the production of sugar in the State and if so what are they?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Yes, steps were taken to secure the maximum quantity of palmyra jaggery from the Madras Province for the Sugar Factory at Thuckalay. Action was also taken to help the proposal of the Travancore Sugars and Chemicals to establish a cane sugar factory at Tiruvalla.

* *Vide* Appendix

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MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the sugar-cane is utilised for the manufacture of sugar in the State at present?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Not at present. The refinery at Thuckalai is suitable only for refining Palmyra jaggery.

Prohibition of alcoholic drinks.

454 *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any steps have been taken by the Government during the year 1120 to ensure the policy of prohibition regarding use of alcoholic drinks and if so what they are?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (i) No step was taken for ensuring immediate prohibition.

(ii) As usual indirect control measures were taken including,

(*a*) Enhancement of duty on liquor.

(*b*) Enhancement of license fee.

(*c*) Enhancement of shop rentals.

(*d*) Fixation of quota for arrack supply.

(*f*) Prohibition of the sale of liquor to persons below eighteen years of age.

Alwaye Town Toddy Shop No. 20.

455 *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions from the public of Alwaye asking for the removal of Alwaye Town Toddy Shop No. 20 from its present site which is in close proximity to several boys' and girls' schools and places of public worship;

(*b*) when these petitions were received:

(*c*) what action they have taken in the matter; and

(*d*) whether the grievance has been brought to the notice of the Dewan during his recent Alwaye visit?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) and (*b*) Copy of a petition dated 7th July 1944 addressed to the Excise Commissioner was received by Government on the 4th August 1944.

(*c*) Enquiry has been held and it has been ordered that arrangements should be made for the removal of the shop from the present site as early as practicable;

(*d*) Yes.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the honourable member when the order for removing the shop was given?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: It was in February last.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether that order has been put into operation?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN. No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know the reasons for not putting it into operation, though the Government have passed an order to that effect?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The local Inspector has been ordered to see that the shop was shifted as early as possible. There was some difficulty in getting buildings. There were also some petitions from other contractors. The Inspector is being asked to carry out the order as early as possible.

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